

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Designing Great Field Howitzers for Our Army

WASHINGTON.—Army ordnance experts are at work on designs for huge field howitzers as large as or larger than the German 42-centimeter guns which wrecked Belgium and French forts early in the war. They will be at least 16-inch caliber, with a range of 12 to 15 miles, hurling a projectile weighing more than a ton and carrying a large amount of high explosive.

In addition to placing several of these mammoth weapons along the coast line for mobile defense against naval attack, army officials are now considering the creation of a special regiment, equipped with six howitzers, to work as a unit of the mobile army. The problem confronting the designers in that regard is to distribute the enormous weight of the gun and carriage in such a way that it can be moved over any good road.

That difficulty is a determining factor in heavy artillery designs. Around a few of the largest cities well-battered roads which would support the weight of the huge guns can be found, but even such a highway as the post road from Boston to New York, it is said, has many sections so lightly built that the great weight would crush through.

How Four Girls From Ohio Got Coveted Tickets

OUT in Cleveland, O., there are four young women who are telling how they saw the president deliver his railroad strike message to the joint session of congress. The day the senate and house met together there was the usual scramble for seats in the galleries. This privilege is as valuable as a gold-bearing claim in the Rocky mountains. Each senator gets one ticket for the galleries; each representative gets one, and there are a few favored officials of congress who get from five to ten apiece. Upon this occasion there were the usual number of visitors in town, each one of whom believed fervently that all he had to do was to descend upon his representative or senator and ask for the gallery privilege and receive it. This might be true if the galleries held 10,000 people instead of 900.

The four young women from Cleveland, luckier than most visitors, received one ticket, to be parceled among the quartet. They were seated in the restaurant of the house of representatives at lunch planning to draw lots to see which one should take the prized ticket, and just as they had settled this point one of them shrieked aloud and jumped from her chair with a brand-new silk dress snaking with coffee.

At the same moment, Theodore Tiller, president of the National Press and veteran of the press gallery of the house, arose with confusion covering him from head to foot. He felt, he said, as if he was about to be hanged. Apologies dripped from him, and he resembled the last rose of summer and other sad spectacles.

There was no question about the dress being spoiled. Tiller had upset a large cup of coffee, and every bit of it had fallen into the young woman's lap.

Suddenly she said: "Are you a member of congress?" Mr. Tiller resented the accusation. "Because if you are," continued the coffee-stained one, "if you would get us a ticket to the gallery today I would forgive you." She said that Representative Gordon of Ohio had promised to get one for her, but that he had not shown up.

"Tickets are hard to get," said Tiller, "but I will see what I can do." He then left the restaurant. In ten minutes Mr. Tiller appeared again with three gallery tickets. Where he got them no one knows, but the lady with the coffee in her lap is understood to have said, just before leaving the capitol:

"Oh, Mr. Tiller, if you get us tickets every time the president speaks, you can pour coffee on me all you want."

Old Civil War Veteran Seeks Small Navy Berth

AN OLD man in his eightieth year, who ran ammunition down the Potomac river during the Civil war and piloted transports that brought the dead and wounded of the battle of the Wilderness to Washington, came to the navy department the other day looking for a job.



"I've done too much for my country to be left to starve," he told naval officers to whom he made his application. "My \$24 a month pension is just enough to starve on."

The old man was William Key, who has lived alone in Southwest Washington since his wife died a year ago. He was unable to see Secretary Daniels, but other officers at the department told him all the civilian navy positions were under the civil service. "Why don't you go to the Soldiers' home?" one of the naval officers asked him.

"I'm a sailor man from tip to toe," the patriarchal Key replied, "and soldiers and sailors don't agree."

The veteran brought with him to the navy department his record, as published by the United States Army and Navy Historical association, and which showed he had been active in the Union side all during the war after he escaped from the Confederate navy, into which he had been conscripted for three months.

"I've never asked the government for anything before," the veteran said when he came to the navy department. "And now I only want some little job that will enable me to keep soul and body together."

The veteran left the navy department disappointed, but not yet ready to give up his quest for a job.

Capitol Employee Posed for Pediment Statuary

JOHN A. MARTIN, electrician employed at the capitol, is the original of the ironworker in the group of statuary recently placed on the pediment of the house wing of the capitol. This fact became known when a letter of the sculptor, Paul Bartlett, and one of Superintendent Elliott Woods of the capitol were shown to friends by Mr. Martin.

The ironworker in the group of statuary is an important part of the whole figure, which represents Peace protecting Genius. He is a companion piece to the character in the group which represents agriculture, the sculptor explaining in his address at the unveiling that agriculture and the iron industry form the fundamentals of the country's prosperity. Mr. Martin, who became acquainted with Paul Bartlett some time ago, was asked by the sculptor to pose for this part of the group. Later Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol, wrote the following letter to Martin:

"I am requested to extend the thanks of Paul Bartlett, sculptor, for your kindness in posing for some portions of the modeling for the statuary to be installed in the pediment of the house wing of the capitol. It is a compliment to you that a great artist like Mr. Bartlett should so approve of your physical development as to want you to pose for one of these figures. It ought to be a source of some further gratification that you have contributed in this manner to one of the great pieces of art for the nation's capitol."

FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

A rifle ball covers 1,200 yards in two seconds.

The telephone system of Japan represents an investment of \$26,000,000. By placing a screen over his chimney a resident of Gippville seeks to maintain privacy from itinerant aviators and balloonists.

Industrial accidents in Pennsylvania during the first six months of this year resulted in the killing of 954 workers and in the injuring of 100,287 others.

The United States is now exporting \$75,000,000 worth of sugar yearly. Before the war the yearly export was valued at about \$5,000,000. To enable migratory fish to rise over waterfalls, dams and other obstructions in streams, a Canadian fishery official has invented an automatic elevator. The electrical energy sold in London, exclusive of that used for traction, increased from 14,200,000 kilowatt-hours in 1894 to 334,442,700 kilowatt-hours in 1914.

EAGLETS.

Clarence S. Darrow is always the friend of the poor and the downtrodden and no one stands higher at the bar.

Judge Thomas F. Scully has made a splendid record in the County Court. The people have confidence in him and their confidence has never been misplaced, either when the judge was on the Municipal bench or in his present responsible position.

C. A. Smith, the veteran pianomaker, is respected by all who know him.

Joseph A. O'Donnell, former legislator and park commissioner, is one of the most popular members of the Chicago bar.

One of the very best Aldermen in the City Council, is Edward F. Cullerton. He has been longest in the public service of any member of the City Council and his usefulness to the people has been demonstrated over and over again.

Frank Weeger, the well known brewer and business man, is talked of for State Auditor and State Treasurer. He would fill either position well.

Adam Wolf is one of the most popular men in Chicago. You can't beat him.

The theatrical profession, men and women, the legal profession, leading business men and all other callings praise the Morrison photograph studio. Clara Louise Hagins, secretary of the studio, is always there to see that ladies receive every attention.

Stillman B. Jamieson is one of the coming men in the Republican party. He is honest and able.

William F. Quinn, "the father of Edgewater," has a host of friends all over Chicago.

Dr. George Sultan always made a good record in public life.

Judge William E. Dever is making a good record in the Superior Court.

Jeremiah B. O'Connell, the able lawyer, has thousands of admirers who want to see him on the judicial bench.

Dow B. Lewis would make a good County Commissioner.

Hempstead Washburne, the popular former mayor, is active in many branches of public life.

Harry W. Cooper reports a big demand for Batavia tires. They are more popular than ever.

President Thomas A. Smyth, of the Sanitary District, has increased the efficiency of the service one hundred per cent since he took office.

Tony Schroeder of North Halsted and Roscoe streets is not only one of the solid men of Lake View but he is a political leader who numbers his friends by the thousands.

Judge Charles A. McDonald is making a splendid record on the Superior Court bench. He is a conscientious and fair-minded judge.

H. Schmidt of 957 Center street has a host of friends who would back him for public office.

W. L. Bodine, the efficient chief of the bureau of compulsory education, has made a nation wide name for his department.

John Z. Vogelsang has done much to make the restaurant the attractive feature of Chicago life that it is today.

Judge John R. Caverly is daily adding to his popularity in Chicago by his splendid record on the Municipal Court bench.

Frank J. Hogan, the popular and well-known lawyer, would make a fine Municipal Judge.

George W. Paulin, the great furrier, has made a business record for honesty and integrity that wins for him hosts of friends.

Nelson N. Lampert is the strongest Republican candidate named for State Treasurer.

Judge Edward T. Glennon, the well known railroad lawyer, is respected by bench, bar and public.

Popular Jack Henderson would make a good member of the State Board of Equalization.

Harry E. Kellogg, the popular proprietor of the Blue Ribbon Laundry at 513 North Clark street, is building up a fine business.

There are no more criminals. Every cold-blooded murderer and thief is a "moron" now days according to the pestiferous reformers who are running things in Chicago. A woman is slain in her kitchen. The murderer is caught. "Don't hang him, he's a 'moron' about the reformers," and he is not hanged. A mother and her babe are killed by a brute. "He is a moron" declare the reformers. It is bad enough for the reformers to be stealing the taxpayers' money for a hundred alleged "reforms," but when they keep on breeding murderers, they deserve the rope themselves.

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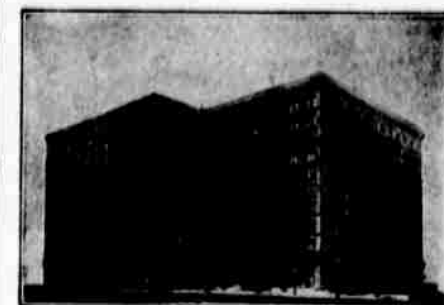
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